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S.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedures for the placement of children with certain relatives or other designated caregivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.7541 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.7541. CAREGIVER VISIT WITH CHILD; INFORMATION.

Before placing a child with a proposed relative or other designated caregiver, the department must:

(1) arrange a visit between the child and the proposed caregiver; and

(2) provide the proposed caregiver with a form, which may be the same form the department provides to nonrelative caregivers, containing information, to the extent it is available, about the child that would enhance continuity of care for the child, including:

(A) the child's school information and educational needs;

(B) the child's medical, dental, and mental health care information;

(C) the child's social and family information;
and

(D) any other information about the child the department determines will assist the proposed caregiver in meeting

1 the child's needs.

2 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
3 to the placement of a child for whom the Department of Family and
4 Protective Services is named managing conservator on or after the
5 effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.